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## SUBJECT: FAMILY MEMBERS AND PETS AT WORK

RATIONALE: This policy is enacted in order to ensure the safety of family members; maintain confidentiality of clients and co-workers; promote a professional work atmosphere; reduce the liability of the Department; and provide uniform guidelines for employees regarding visiting family members, employee visitors, and bringing babies, children and/or pets to work.

## **POLICY:**

- 1. Employee family members and employee visitors, *are not* to be at DHS work sites when the employee is working, except for brief visits that do not interfere with the performance of assigned duties, responsibilities and delivery of services.
- 2. Pets are not allowed at DHS work sites.
- 3. This policy does not prohibit employees from participating in DHS Executive Director approved "Take Your Son/Daughter to Work Day," nor prohibit service animals for employees, clients or visitors, or pets/animals as a part of a Division Director approved program.
- 4. DHS divisions, institutions, and offices may develop more rigorous standards with respect to their facilities and programs.

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